

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10-15, 17, 18, 21-23, 25-40, 43 and 44 have been withdrawn by the Examiner. Claims 1, 9, 16 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tsuda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,038,063); and claims 41 and 42 were "objected to" claims.

Claims 1, 9, 16 and 24 have been amended. Claims 41 and 42 have been cancelled and the features thereof have been incorporated into claims 1 and 16, respectively.

At page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that "objected to" claims 41 and 42 contain allowable subject matter and the Examiner also indicates that a Statement on record that the Applicant is invoking 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph must be submitted. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully invoke 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to claims 1 and 16 makes these claims generic and therefore, since claim 1 is now in condition for allowance, claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 12-15, 17, 18, 25 and 27-30 should now been in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Therefore, reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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